

. GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Meeting
December 7, 2011
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
9:30 a.m.

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA.

Director Lisa Durden swore in new board members John Sundstrom, DVM and Larry Corry, DVM. Dr. Bohn welcomed the new Board members to the board.

Members Present:

Henry Bohn, DVM
John Sundstrom, DVM
Edsel Davis, DVM
Beckey Malphus, DVM
Larry Corry, DVM
Jeff Smith

Others Present:

Amelia Baker
Anita Martin
Carol White
Scott Piper, GVMA
Betsy Chowder
Bruce Hollett

Rule Hearing

Dr. Bohn called the rule hearing to order at 9:35a.m. Board Rule 700-8-.01- Unprofessional Conduct was posted. No written comments or verbal comments were received for the hearing. The Board Rule hearing was adjourned at 9:37a.m.

Open Session

Dr. Bohn established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was called to order at 9:40 a.m. Visitors were introduced.

Approval of minutes from the October 12, 2011 Board meeting. - Dr. Davis made a motion to approve. Dr. Malphus seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

License to Ratify. - Dr. Malphus made a motion to approve the list of licenses to ratify. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion on Reinstatement/Reactivation Policy for Veterinarians. – The Board viewed as informational.

Consideration to adopt Board Rule 700-8-.01 – Unprofessional Conduct. – Dr. Sundstrom made a motion to adopt Board Rule 700-8-.01 – Unprofessional Conduct. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Executive Director’s Open Session – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin shared a letter she received from Dr. Hines former board member.
- Ms. Martin provided the Board a letter she received from Dr. Matthew Miller regarding treating multiple quarantined cats. The Board advised that from its perspective, he can treat the cats as a herd. The Board further states he may also want to consider contacting the USDA and Public Health to assure adherence to their laws and rules.

Miscellaneous –

- The Board reconsidered a Rule Variance request from Cheri C. Lawley. The board stated the Rule Variance request is still denied because it is not applicable to Ms. Lawley’s situation. The Board states Ms. Lawley can be further considered when she submits the application and when she meets the requirements in the rule and policy.
- Dr. Bohn commented on the meeting of all the Board Chairs with Secretary of State Kemp concerning applicant’s requirement to submit valid citizenship documents.

Executive Session

Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) to review complaints. Voting in favor of the motion was Drs. Corry, Sundstrom, and Mr. Smith.

Applications:

1. M.P.F. – Vet Applicant – The Board recommended approval.
2. B.D.T. – Vet Tech Applicant- The Board recommended scheduling an appointment with the Investigative Committee in February.
3. N.D.S. – Vet Tech Applicant – The Board recommended approval.
4. B.A.M. – Vet Tech Applicant – The Board recommended applicant either take and pass the VTNE or submit a rule variance request providing applicant’s exam scores for consideration.
5. K.E.R. – Vet Tech Reinstatement- The Board recommended applicant submit a reinstatement application with all documents. On the application if applicant’s response is that she has been in treatment, application must come back to the board. If applicant answered incorrectly, the board recommends referring to Attorney General’s office for a Reinstatement Consent Order citing a period of unlicensed practice. The fees are non-transferrable and applicant cannot work as a tech until issue is resolved
6. P.B.I. – Vet Reinstatement Application – The Board recommended reinstating under policy and accepting upon receipt of signed order.
7. D.M.R. – Vet Reinstatement application –The Board recommended to reinstate under policy and accept upon receipt of signed order.

Miscellaneous:

- The Board recommended revising the reinstatement policy - changing the fine to \$500.00 and to make every order public. Ms. Martin will make the changes and the board will consider adoption at the February 2012 Board meeting.
- The Board requested a conference call in January to consider the reinstatement applications and consent orders.

Investigative Committee report – Drs. Davis and Malphus

- VET100074 – The Board recommends a Private Monitoring Order.
- VET120012-The Board recommends closing with a Letter of Concern.
- VET110093 – The Board recommends sending a Mitigating Circumstances Letter to Dr. #1 and a Letter of Concern to Dr. #2
- VET110015 – The Board recommends requiring an Order of Mental Physical Evaluation or allow him to voluntary surrender or put his license on inactive status.
- VET110059 – The Board recommends accepting the Cease and Desist Orders on Matthew Randolph and Brooke Randolph.
- VET110061 – The Board recommends closing case upon receipt of proof that a copy of the radiographs have been provided to the animal owner.
- VET110069 – The Board recommends accepting a Cease and Desist order on Steve Gonto.
- VET110076 – The Board recommends sending case back to Peer Reviewer and ask that he evaluate Dr. J and to schedule Dr. J for an Investigative Interview.
- VET110077- The Board recommends calling and leave message asking that he call and let the board know that he is not practicing.
- VET110082 – The Board recommends closing with a Letter of Concern.
- VET110086 – The Board recommends closing case.
- VET110105- The Board recommends a Private Consent Order and scheduling for an investigative interview.
- VET110091- The Board recommends a Private Consent Order and scheduling for an investigative interview.
- VET120014 – The Board recommends accepting protocol established and close case.
- VET120017 – The Board recommends asking the complainant for additional information within 30 days of receipt of letter. Complainant must provide name of DVM, name of clinic, names of individual dogs, dog owner's names and provide copy of necropsy.
- VET120025 – The Board recommends scheduling for an investigative interview.
- VET120030 – The Board recommends closing with no violation.
- VET120032 – The Board recommends closing with a Letter of Concern.
- VET120033 – The Board recommends referring to the OIG for an inspection to make sure endotracheal tubes are used during all anesthetic procedures. The Board asks for agents to please make sure they have trach tubes ranging in size from 3.5 to 10 at this practice.
- VET120034 – The Board recommends scheduling for an investigative interview.
- VET120035 – The Board recommends referring to the Department of Agriculture as a training/boarding facility is not within the Board's legal jurisdiction.
- VET120039 – The Board recommends requesting a response from Dr. M on whether or not he was arrested.

Executive Director's Executive Session – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin discussed a letter received that a major grocery chain is selling Heart Guard without a prescription. Ms. Martin stated this has been referred to the Pharmacy Board for an investigation.
- Ms. Martin discussed an email she has received from Dr. S.M. regarding a veterinarian in the area.
- Ms. Martin will bring to the next board meeting the rules facilities rules for consideration of adding GSCI outlets to the rule and facility inspection form.

Attorney General's Report – Ms. Amelia Baker

- Ms. Baker provided an update on the cases in her office.

Open Session

Dr. Bohn declared the Board back into Open Session. Dr. Malphus made a motion to approve all of the items in the executive session. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Dr. Malphus made a motion to accept the amended investigative committee report. Dr. Corry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m. Dr. Davis motion to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Corry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Carol White, Board Secretary

Minutes edited by Anita O. Martin, Executive Director